

I believe in the right of freedom of speech. I also believe that we need a free press to inform Americans of both sides of an issue. We need to hear the truth. However, Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry "documentary" days before the election is a clear example of the the media only showing one side of a story. The side they want you to believe is the truth.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for THEIR bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. I think it is time for the media to end the broadcast of results of all polls, post-debate analysis, and election night coverage until the polls close in ALL 50 states. We need facts not opinions. Only then will we have a free press and truly open elections.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you.